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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applic. No. : 10/735,232
Inventor : Thomas Schäfer, et al.
Filed : December 12, 2003
Title : Sheet-Processing Machine with a Sheet Brake
TC/A.U. : 3653
Examiner : Thomas A. Morrison

Customer No.: 24131

RESPONSE

Hon. Commissioner for Patents
Alexandria, VA, 22313-1450

Sir:

Responsive to the Office Action dated August 11, 2005, in which the Examiner required an election of species, applicants herewith elect group I, the species of Figs. 1 to 5 for prosecution at this time. Claims 1, 2, 3, and 8 read on the elected species of Figs. 1 to 5.

Applicants reserve the right to file a divisional application including the species of groups II, III and IV at a later date.

In view of the foregoing, the early issuance of an Action on the merits, and the allowance of all of the claims are solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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